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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited to have started a brand new Design & Technology Curriculum. In all year groups, the children will cover the following topics and they will build on their knowledge as they progress through the school:

- Mechanisms
- Understanding Materials
- Structures
- Textiles
- Food and Nutrition

The skills taught in the Design & Technology Curriculum form a basis to prepare for further study in Secondary School and beyond. We want to inspire inventors, designers, engineers, builders and chefs.

In some Design & Technology lessons, the children will be undertaking practical work:

- using cooking equipment, including knives for slicing and dicing correctly
- learning basic sewing skills like running stitch
- recycling objects and clothes to make a new product
- working with simple, carpentry tools

We know we have a multi-talented parent community supporting us and we are keen to put together some volunteers who are willing to come in and support the teachers in class whenever they are conducting practical lessons. If you can help, please send an email for my attention with the following details:

I would like to be part of the volunteer Design & Technology team

Name of parent:

Name of child:

Please choose preferred lessons: **Cooking, Sewing or Making**

OR happy to help with all the above lessons

Yours sincerely

Miss Daniels
Design and Technology subject leader